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SUBJ: US ASSISTANCE TO THE NETHERLANDS DURING THE PRESENT
OIL CRISIS

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL MORNING OF NOVEMBER 29,
CHARGE TELEPHONED POLITICAL DIRGEN DIEDERIC VAN LYNDEN,
WHO CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF REPORT OF ASST SECRETARY STOESSEL'S
CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN THE DAY BEFORE.
DIEDERIC VAN LYNDEN CALLED THE CHARGE BACK LATER IN THE
DAY TO SAY THAT HE HAD DRAFTED AN INSTRUCTION TO BARON
VAN LYNDEN IN WASHINGTON, ACCEPTING THE VISIT OF UNDER
SECRETARY DONALDSON. HOWEVER, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE SOME
FURTHER DELAY IN DISPATCHING IT SINCE IT REQUIRED THE
APPROVAL OF MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LUBBERS AND
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FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, WHO WAS TIED UP IN THE SECOND
CHAMBER DEBATE OF HIS MINISTRY'S BUDGET.

2. ASSUMING MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF DIEDERIC VAN LYNDEN'S TELEGRAM AS DRAFTED, AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS A GON PREFERENCE FOR PROCEEDING SOMEWHAT MORE SLOWLY AND KEEPING A LOWER PROFILE. TO THIS END THE DUTCH WOULD FAVOR "CONTINGENCY TALKS" IN LIEU OF "EMERGENCY CONSULTATIONS" AND NO PUBLICITY ON UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON'S VISIT UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE HE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE HAGUE. VAN LYNDEN SAID THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE CONCERNED THAT PREMATURE PUBLICITY COULD COMPLICATE THE NETHERLANDS RELATIONS WITH ITS EC PARTNERS AND COULD ABORT THE GON'S EFFORTS TO KEEP OPEN A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION TO THE ARABS.

3. CHARGE EXPRESSED PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THESE FACTORS BUT SAID THAT US WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE TO ITS ALLIES AS WELL AS TO THE ARABS THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT BY DEEDS THOSE WHO REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO THE OIL BOYCOTT PRESSURE. WITH VAN LYNDEN'S CONCURRENCE, CHARGE SAID HE WOULD REPORT VAN LYNDEN'S REMARKS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN WOULD DELIVER THE OFFICIAL AND DEFINITIVE GON REPLY TO POINTS MADE BY ASST SECRETARY STOESEL IN THE NOVEMBER 28 CONVERSATION.
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